

# WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, July 16, 2023

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**PRELUDE**

*“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”*

BWV 634, J.S. Bach

### THE ENTRANCE RITE

*The People stand. The ministers process from the back of the church.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 48**

*“O day of radiant gladness”*

*Es flog en kleins Waldvögelein*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God.... *People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A**LMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

GLORIA S-280

Robert Powell

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (*In unison*)

**O** Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The People are seated*



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**THE FIRST LESSON** A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.     **People:** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 65: (1-8), 9-13**

*Te decet hymnus*

**RESPONSE: God is the hope of all the ends of the earth.**

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<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows  
be performed,

<sup>2</sup>O you who answer prayer!  
To you all flesh shall come.

<sup>3</sup>When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are those whom you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the  
goodness of your house, your  
holy temple. ℟

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us  
with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all  
the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

<sup>6</sup>By your strength you established the  
mountains;  
you are girded with might.

<sup>7</sup>You silence the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples. ℟

<sup>8</sup>Those who live at earth's farthest  
bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the  
morning and the evening  
shout for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly,  
and settle its ridges; ℟  
you soften the earth with showers,  
and you bless its growth.

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with  
your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow  
with richness.

<sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness  
overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with  
flocks, the valleys deck themselves  
with grain,  
they shout and sing together  
for joy. ℟

*Proper 10 [15] A vs. (1-8), 9-13.*

**T**here is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand*

**GRADUAL HYMN 440, v. 1-2**

*"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"*

*Liebster Jesu*

1 Blessed Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**J**esus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**GRADUAL HYMN 440, V. 3**

*“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”*

*Liebster Jesu*

3 Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

**SERMON**

The Rev’d Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

*The People stand*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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**W**e believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

**F**or us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate ✠ from the Virgin  
Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under

Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.

**O**n the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at  
the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**W**e believe in the Holy Spirit, the  
Lord, the giver of life, who  
proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified. He has spoken  
through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one  
baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We  
look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The People remain standing*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Subdeacon: Through Baptism, we have been made alive in Christ Jesus. Let us speak the words of this new life by praying for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

*Leader:* For the Church, that we might be faithful, willing to serve, constant in grace, and receptive to newness. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for his healing. For Jeffrey and Laura, our bishops, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we might be eager to welcome, diligent in prayer, and generous in deed, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation, town and neighborhood, that we might be advocates of the lowly and defenders of liberties and models of justice. For Joseph, our President, and for the Congress and Supreme Court, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, have mercy**

For those who grieve, those in places of care, those in prison, those who are addicted, those who are dependent, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For those in dangerous occupations, those who care for the sick, those who work the land, those who engage in commerce and those who teach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For all who travel, those who seek rest, who visit family and friends, and those who enjoy the gifts of creation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

For our families and all who are placed under our care, for our enemies and those with whom we disagree, and for those who are examples of grace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy**

We pray for the special concerns of this congregation. . .

*For the sick:* Zoma, Dolores, Janet, Rich, John Paul, Emmanuel, Emily, Wade, Karla, David, Art, Norm, Michael, Angela, and David *(Pause)*

*For the departed:* Grant eternal rest to the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord. *(Pause)*

**Lord, have mercy**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*Celebrant:*

Faithful God, your love stands firm from generation to generation, your mercy is always abundant. Give us open and understanding hearts, that when we hear your word, we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. **AMEN.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *(The People may remain standing)*

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*Subdeacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

*Have mercy upon us,*  
most merciful Father,  
in your compassion forgive us our sins  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone,

and so uphold us by your Spirit.  
that we may live and serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

**THE PEACE** *Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The People are seated.*

*The People stand*

**THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

*The Offering is taken during the hymn and brought forward at its conclusion.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 505**

*“O Spirit of Life”*

*O heiliger Geist*

1 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
in every need thou bringest aid,  
thou comest forth from God’s great  
throne, from God, the Father and the Son;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

3 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
make us to love thy sacred word;  
the holy flame of love impart,  
that charity may warm each heart;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

2 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
increase our faith in our dear Lord;  
unless thy grace the power should give,  
none can believe in Christ and live;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

4 O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God,  
enlighten us by that same word;  
teach us to know the Father’s love,  
and his dear Son, who reigns above;  
O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-129

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

**O**n the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body ✠ which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

**A**fter supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood ✠ of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the

remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

**W**e pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly

country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

**B**y him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **AMEN.**

*And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,*

**O**ur Father, ... for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.*

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

Fraction S-154 **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;**

*David Hurd*

**therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

ORGAN MEDITATION AT HOLY COMMUNION "Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist" BWV 631, J.S. Bach

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

*The People Stand*

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. (*In unison*)

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (*Celebrant*)

**A**lmighty God, whose son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: Raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which

are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

The peace of God .... **AMEN.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 632**

*“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”*

*Munich*

**DISMISSAL**

*Subdeacon:* Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend”*

BWV 632, J.S. BACH

*Join us for coffee and refreshments after the service so we can get to know you, and you us.*

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**Thank you to our Sunday Ministers.**

**July 16, 2023**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Rite I, 8am

Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden

Usher: T. Bitwinski

Eucharistic Minister: D. Sykes

Reader: T. Bitwinski

Prayers of the People: S. DeWolf

Videographer: J. Morrow

Rite II, 10am

Altar Guild: John Doiron

Usher: Art Engler

Eucharistic Minister: Laurie Gypson

Reader & Intercessor: Paula Weinman

Videographer: John Doiron

Coffee Hour: Paula Weinman & the Steinways

Counters: Karla Fox & Paula Weinman

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